# **Arizona Association for Pupil Transportation**



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# From the Desk of Evelyn King A.A.P.T. President



Hello Again,



Here we go again with the start of a New Year and January is about half over. It is time to get out the rules and regulations, set up the course and start practicing for the 2008 School Bus Safety Road-eo. I hope by now that all has applied for their passport, because the International Road-eo will be in Canada in July. It takes time to get a passport, and I would not want you to miss out. Well I think you will be real surprised how well this Road-eo will run after last years mix up. We have made some major changes, some of which are: This year will be "Luck of the Draw" as to which bus you will drive. Buses will either be Front or Rear Transits. We will be honoring the top 10. The 1st place overall winner will receive a drivers jacket & round trip air fare to the International Competition. Each of the other categories will receive the following: 1st place, Trophy, Certificate and Check for \$100.00. 2nd Place, Trophy, Certificate, and Check for \$100.00. 2nd Place, Trophy, Certificate, and Check for \$50.00. 4nd through 10th place will receive a Plaque, and a Certificate. All contestants will receive a T-shirt with their contestant number on it, and must be worn while competing. Please be sure and put your T-shirt size on the registration form. If you have any questions about the shirts, please call Hilma Gustafson at 602-686-3956. We will be serving a rolls, coffee and juice at registration. these are a few of the changes, but as I also drive bus, and it is time for me to go get my kids, so I hope to see you all at the 2008 Road-eo again this year. Come out and see for yourself how much fun you can have driving in the Road-eo. Have a great day in whatever you do!

Evelyn King A.A.P.T. President



National Special Needs Team Safety Road-eo March 7-12, 2008 Little Rock, Arkansas

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# Saturday, March 8, 2008 DPS PARKING LOT 19<sup>TH</sup> Ave. & Encanto Road SW corner by the State Fair Grounds



If you're interested in competing, study your C.D.L. manual, Minimum Standards book and First Aid and C.P.R. books. You must have all your credentials (First Aid-CPR, DOT physical card, Arizona School Bus Driver Certificate, and Drivers License) with you at registration or you will not be able to participate in the road-eo

If you're interested in judging the events, let us know.

If you just want to support your teams, come on out and enjoy yourself on the 8th of March 2008. There will be lots of food and fun.

#### For More Information contact

Evelyn King in Willcox Phone (520) 253-0790 Cathy Erwin in Cave Creek Phone (480) 575-2080 Hilma Gustafson in Glendale Phone (602) 686-3956

If your district or contract company plans on having at least **five** competitors, please bring one bus to use in the competition. When we have enough buses it makes the Roadeo flow at a smooth pace.





#### **JUDGES - RUNNERS - JUDGES**

It is that time again; we are looking for volunteers to help out with the judging of events at this year's Road-eo. As always, we will be asking for all of your help. We need people to direct traffic, judge competitions and run scores. If you bring your family members invite them to check in at the registration table and offer a hand. We always appreciate your help.



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#### **ROAD-EO AGENDA**

Registration & Continental Breakfast @ 7:00 AM
Judges Will Meet @ 7:00 AM
Welcome & Walk Through @ 7:30 AM
First Bus on the Course @ 8:30 AM

Written Test As Follows:
Contestants 1 - 25 "When Finished Driving"
Contestants 26 - 50 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Contestants 51 - 75 9:30 - 10:30 AM
Contestants 76 - 100 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Awards & Refreshments @ 7:30 PM At Magnet Traditional School 2602 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave Phoenix, AZ



RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

\$1.00 PER TICKET GAS GRILL

Do not have to be present to win

#### **Motel Listings for Road-eo**



602-258-6271 **2745 N.Black Caynon Hwy** 



602-248-8881 2548 W. Indian School Rd.



602-257-0801 2420 W. Thomas Rd



1-800-786-6835 10402 N. Black Canyon HWY

#### Bus Driver T's by Tina

Tina Battencourt from Marana, Arizona will be here to sell (School Bus Paraphernalia) which includes but not limited to t-shirts, hats, pins, jackets, key chains, etc.



Gabe Cachora and his group from Indian Oasis, will selling an assortment of food and drinks, including everyone's favorite "Indian Tacos – Fried Bread" Yummy!!!!

#### ARIZONA ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION 3135 S.48<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SUITE 104 BOX 57, TEMPE, AZ 85282 PHONE # 520-253-0790 FAX # 520-384-2025 2008 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ROAD-EO REGISTRATION FORM PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLE AND COMPLETELY FILLED OUT NAME: D.O.B. **HOME ADDRESS:** CITY: ZIP: HM PHONE: **HOME E-MAIL ADDRESS:** SCHOOL DISTRICT: SCHOOL ADDRESS: SCHOOL DISTRICT PHONE: FAX: WORK E-MAIL ADDRESS: \*\* Deadline for mailing the Road-eo Entry fees/form \*\* Must be postmarked no later than February 25, 2008. There will be **NO** late registrations. If you have any questions, contact Evelyn King, President, at 520-253-0790 or Hilma Gustafson at 602-686-3956 **PAYMENT & MAILING** T-SHIRT Make checks, money orders, P/O'S payable to AAPT All Contestants will receive a Road-eo T-Shirt that SENT TO: must be worn the day of the Road-eo. This will Identify you as a Contestant. Please circle the size Hilma Gustafson (Registration Coordinator) shirt that you will need. 4949 W. Northern Ave # 129 Glendale, Arizona 85301 T-Shirt Size (Circle One) ROAD-EO FEES S\_\_ M\_\_ L\_\_ XL\_\_ 2XL\_\_ 3XL\_\_ 4XL\_\_ Road-eo fees\$35.00 Membership Fees \$25.00 Payment: Check #\_ Money Order #\_ P/0 # \*\*Membership fees only due if you did not register for the Conference\*\* \*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\* Registration "Check-In" on March 8<sup>th</sup>, begins at 7:00 AM "MST – Phoenix Time" You must have all your credentials (First Aid-CPR, DOT physical card, Arizona School Bus Driver Certificate, and Drivers License) with you at registration or you will not be able to participate in the road-eo. All Contestants will be assigned to the next bus in line. There will be NO option on the style of bus you drive. "It will be luck of the draw" Buses could be Front or Rear Transit. All Registered Road-eo Contestants must arrive by 10:00 AM in order to compete. FYI

The International Road-eo will be held in Calgary Alberta, Canada Don't forget your passport

#### SORRY, NO REFUNDS!

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#### 2007-2008 MEMBERSHIP FORM

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLE AND COMPLETELY FILLED OUT

NAME:			D.O.B.
HOME ADDRESS:			
CITY:	ZIP:	HM PHONE:	
HOME E-MAIL ADDRESS:			
SCHOOL DISTRICT:			
SCHOOL ADDRESS:			
SCHOOL DISTRICT PHONE:		FAX:	
WORK E-MAIL ADDRESS:			

# **JOB POSITION (CIRCLE ONE)**

DRIVER, ATTENDANT, DISPATCHER, MECHANIC SECRETARY, SUPERVISOR, DIRECTOR, DRIVER TRAINER, OTHER\_\_\_\_

#### **PAYMENT & MAILING**

\$25.00

Make checks, money orders, or P/O'S payable to Arizona Association for Pupil Transportation

#### **SEND TO:**

AAPT C/O Hilma Gustafson at 4949 W. Northern Ave # 129. Glendale, AZ 85301

\*\* FAXES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED\*\*

#### AAPT ROAD-EO COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

All competitors are reminded that you are representing your school district. Therefore you are expected to conduct yourself in accordance with established standards. In addition, certain rules must be enforced at the Road-eo site. Remember, it is assumed that students are aboard the bus during all events.

- 1. There will be no alcoholic beverages consumed on or around the Road-eo site by anyone. If a contestant is found to have consumed alcoholic beverages at any time during the day's events, they will be immediately disqualified.
- 2. Smoking will be only permitted in designated smoking areas. There will be no smoking on board any bus regardless of the location
- 3. Competitors who normally wear driver's uniforms are encouraged to wear them during the Road-eo. Those not wearing uniforms should dress in attire appropriate for school bus drivers. SHORTS, HALTERS, etc., will not be allowed as they are considered in poor taste for this function.
- 4. Footwear is important in safe operation of the vehicle. And must conform to minimum standards
- Contestants are required to remain in the designated waiting or spectator areas before and after their event, unless assigned specific details that may require their assistance in the competition area
- 6. The bus door must remain closed at all times unless the Road-eo event rules direct that they be opened or if directed by the event judge. A minimum of five (5) demerits will be charged if the door is opened when not required or directed.
- 7. Contestants are required to maintain proper driving position at all times while on board the bus. The proper driving position is being seated in the driver's seat with feet firmly planted on the floor or foot controls. The contestant will not be permitted to put his or her head out of the bus window at any time. Seat belts must be snugly fastened while in the driving position. There will be a total disqualification from the event if any infraction of the above occurs.
- 8. Any driver who knowingly accepts signals from the spectators will be automatically disqualified.
- 9. The decisions of the judges are final.
- 10. Each event has a particular purpose, instructions to be followed and methods of scoring. The actual score sheets will be annotated by the Road-eo staff and tabulated by the administrative staff. Test scores will be furnished upon completion of the total Road-eo. Please do not ask the administrative staff for your score prior to the end of the Road-eo. All competitors are requested to keep out of the administrative area, unless assigned a specific detail in that area.
- 11. Road-eo contestants are required to use whatever rear view mirrors are furnished on the bus assigned as long as the mirrors are in accordance with state and federal regulations. Every effort will be made by the Road-eo staff to adjust mirrors to fit in a maximum of three minutes or one adjustment per mirror.

# PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS WITH YOU ON ROAD-EO DAY! AAPT 2008 ROAD-EO EVENTS

EVENTS FOR THIS YEAR'S ROAD-EO WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

MYSTERY EVENT
OFF SET ALLEY
SERPENTINE
FORWARD STOP/STRAIGHT LINE BACK
DIMINISHING CLEARANCE
PARALLEL PARKING

STRAIGHT LINE FORWARD RAILROAD CROSSING BLINDSIDE ALLEY DOCK STUDENT LOADING

**WRITTEN TEST:** The purpose of the written test is to determine the contestant's familiarity with safe driving practices. The test includes questions on Arizona Laws, regulations and rules as well as information contained in the Commercial Drivers License manual. Almost every collision can be traced to the failure of the driver to abide by the rules of the road. Defensive driving is the key to being a successful school bus driver.

**MYSTERY EVENT:** This years event will be, wait a minute, if I tell you it won't be a mystery. But I can tell you this much, it could earn you an extra 50 points! So come on out and see what it's all about, you'll have to try it to win. See ya!

**OFF SET ALLEY:** This test is designed to evaluate the driver's ability to operate the vehicle under actual driving conditions. The offset alley consists of two offset lanes through which the driver must pass with a minimum of hesitation and without touching the barriers.

**SERPENTINE:** This event is to test the skills of a driver to maneuver a bus backwards around objects that might obstruct their path. The serpentine will consist of three markers through which the driver must back their bus through with out touching the markers or going out of the designed sidelines.

FORWARD STOP/STRAIGHT LINE BACK: This event has two parts. First, the driver will drive through the ten feet wide alley and stop within two inches of the painted white line. Upon stopping the driver shall apply the parking brake, place the transmission in neutral, wait for the judges to evaluate the distance from the stop line, and annotate the score sheet. The judge will then direct the driver to begin the second part of the event. The driver will pull forward until the rear of the bus is even with the stop line. The driver will be required to back the bus straight back out of the alley without touching the alley side boundaries.

**DIMINISHING CLEARANCE:** in this event the driver is required to drive the bus in a straight line, in a smooth and continuous manner, through five pairs of standards, with each pair of standards diminishing clearance.

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#### PARALLEL PARKING:

This event is designed to evaluate the driver's ability to park the bus parallel to a curb without touching barriers placed at both ends of the parking area, without touching the curb and within 18 inches of the curb. It is also designed to judge the drivers ability to drive the bus out of the parking area without touching the barriers or the curb.

#### STRAIGHT LINE FORWARD:

This event determines the driver's ability to proceed through five sets of obstacles with the right hand wheels of the vehicle, without striking or moving markers.

#### RAILROAD CROSSING:

This event is designed to determine the driver's knowledge of the railroad crossing laws and the ability to apply that knowledge during practical application.

#### **BLINDSIDE ALLEY DOCK:**

This event is designed to evaluate the driver's ability to back the bus into a ten feet wide alley without touching the upright markers and side and rear limit markers. A maximum time of three minutes is allowed for this test. And at the end of the test, the bus should be parked as near as possible in the center of the alley and within one feet of the barrier.

#### STUDENT LOADING:

The purpose of this event is to determine the driver's knowledge of the rules governing the loading of students as well as testing their ability to physically load students in accordance with the rules.

Remember, upon completion of each event, the driver shall apply the parking brake, place the transmission in neutral, and wait for the judge to annotate the score sheet. The judges will then direct you to the next event or staging area. Failure to follow this procedure will result in demerits.

# **Special note**:

All boundary lines and other markers, with the exception of the balls in the straight line forward and the pull up line in the alley dock, will be treated as vertical walls. If any part of the vehicle touches or would punch through these vertical walls, it will be treated as an encroachment. All encroachments will be counted as demerits.